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Title:	<b>STRIP TEMPERATURE REGULATING</b>	)
	<b>DEVICE IN A CONTINUOUS METAL</b>	)
	<b>STRIP CASTING PLANT</b>	)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified United States National Phase patent application, please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A metal strip (3) continuous casting plant (3) equipped with an ingot mould (16) and strip temperature regulation device consisting of a pair of parallel, counter-rotating rolls (2, 2') and by two closing plates at the ends of said rolls (2, 2') defining a vertical casting plane of said strip (3), wherein the strip temperature regulation device comprises at least one